

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MARCH 3, 2020

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street, Suite 200, Rushville Indiana. Mayor Pavay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, Aaron Gurley, and Megan Bradley answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING -1900 N Main Revitalization Plan: Newhouse explained that the property would be leased with an option to purchase after 3 years. ARA will assist the City in the process. The property is zoned commercial II. We will ask for proposals. Bridges moved to close the public hearing. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Daubenspeck moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Construction is beginning on the Overlook. Bids on the Overlook came in under budget but were over budget on the Gateway project. We have given HWC the authority to negotiate the price of the Gateway to get it under budget also.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – We rolled out the headliners for the concerts. We are working on the opening acts.
- **APC/BZA** – A report was emailed.

- **Housing** – They are moving earth on 16th Street. We are working on agreements for purchase/sale of lots with Joyner Homes.
- **ECDC** – Nothing
- **Cherry Street Extension** – The legal process continues.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker handed out the statistics report. The K9 that was transferred to the school has passed certification as a therapy dog. We continue our search for a replacement K9. The cost is \$15,000.00-\$20,000.00. We have received \$11,000.00 in donations.

The Mayor's 5K will be April 25th.

We participated in the MORE bowling fundraiser this past Sunday.

Fire – Deputy Chief Justice reported that they will begin their physicals on the 17th of March.

We will begin interviews for the positions of lieutenant and captain next week.

Justice invited Council to training that they will have on March 28. They will do a light burn, auto extrication, and a rescue.

Park – Assistant Director Bolyard reported that they are working to finalization the hiring for the pool. Next week they will be interviewing for park employees for the summer.

Street – Commissioner Miller said he will meet with Rosfeld tomorrow regarding the project at the amphitheater.

Animal – Director Cottrell said Friday they had no dogs or cats at the shelter. Monday they obtained 5 dogs from the Connersville shelter. Two of those dogs were adopted today. They currently have no cats.

The new employee started yesterday. This will allow us to revise the hours that we are open to the public.

The Board of Works approved the change in positions. Beginning March 14 Kasey Hanna will move into the director position. Tabitha will become part-time assistant. Mercedes Tielking will be the animal care assistant. Mayor Pavey and Council thanked Cottrell for the systems she has put in place while she has been working. It has made the shelter run more smoothly.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Street Light Projects 3 Locations Outstanding** – We continue to schedule meetings.

2. Property Annexation Process:

- a. **Jacqueline Duke** - Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-1. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - i. Resolution 2020-1 Duke Fiscal Plan
 - ii. Ordinance 2020-5 Duke Annexation
- b. **Tim Yazel** - Yazel has signed his paperwork. Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2020-8. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - i. Resolution 2020-8 Yazel Fiscal Plan
 - ii. Ordinance 2020-9 Yazel Annexation

3. Ordinance 2020-04 Bidding and Purchasing Requirements – Corrections were made. Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2020-4 with the corrections. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Resolution 2020-10 Supporting the Creation of the Rushville Public Giving and Community Improvement Corp (RPGCIC) (Revised to represent corrected # conflicts) – Mayor Pavey explained that this has been approved but we found the coordination of numbers was not proper so it was corrected to 7 members. Berkemeier moved to approve with the revision of Board members. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Ordinance 2020-8 Downtown Parking – Not quite ready.

6. Ordinance 2020-7 Trash Fee – Mayor Pavey said we are close to finalizing. We want to discuss further to make sure everything is included before passing. Marzon will review with the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. **Resolution 2020-13 Hotif** – John McCane explained that this is a statutory process that we need to complete. It has been approved by the Rushville Redevelopment Commission, APC, and the School. The Council now needs to approve the Resolution. Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-13. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2. **1900 N Main Resolution 2020-12** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2020-12 for the lease with the option to purchase 1900 North Main Street. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 3. **Resolution 2020-9 Temporary Loan** – Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2020-9. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4. **Salary Ordinance Deputy Director Medical Quarterly Stipend \$800 per year** – The Board of Works made a recommendation to approve a quarterly stipend of \$200.00 for the Deputy Director Medical equal to \$800.00 per year. Berkemeier made a motion to

approve and amend the salary ordinance to reflect the stipend. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION: Marzon moved to approve the January 2020 bank reconciliation and the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Berkemeier asked for an update on the Rushview Trailer Park. Jenkins said he met with the Indiana State Health Board. They toured the property yesterday. They have done some road work but there is still some trash and rubbish that needs to be removed. They also found 3 man hole covers that were not water sealed. They were given 45 days in which to remedy this problem. The Health Board will provide a written report after 14 days.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.